

STATEMENT REQUESTING DELETION OF INVENTORS

The declaration that is being filed with the instant application is a copy of the declaration that was filed with U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692 filed August 22, 1997. As a result of the restriction requirement in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692, the following inventors named in the grandparent application are not inventors of the invention claimed in the instant divisional application:

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Please file the instant application in the names of the remaining inventors (Keeth, Bunker and Derner) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 (d).

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Please note that the undersigned attorney's address has changed since the parent application was filed and that the undersigned attorney's address is correctly noted on form PTO/SB/05 filed herewith, and is correctly noted below.

It is respectfully requested that the instant application, covering claims 223-237 and 247-250, receive an early office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted



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